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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION OF USAGE DATA

5 A software monitoring and auditing system which  
determines the inventory of software products on a  
computer includes data reducer software which processes  
detailed software usage data gathered by a monitoring  
component of the software to create a condensed usage  
database. The reducer software contemporaneously  
converts the data records in a manner which reduces the  
amount of data records by at least a factor of 100,  
10 consuming less computer memory and allowing users of the  
software monitoring and auditing system to review usage  
data on a desktop PC or the like.